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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir or Madam:

I'm writing this letter to urge the commissioners of the FCC to block the proposed merger between XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio. I have been a subscriber of XM since the fall of 2001 and for about 5 years, worked as an outside contractor for XM on channels 82 and 81. Except for a few months of that time period, I did not receive any payment for my work but received on-air recognition instead. I am an ardent supporter of XM and have been since day one. I feel it would be a mistake to allow the two companies to merge. Since I have a programming background, my main objection to the merger is the quality of programming that would result from the combined company. I think the consumers of both companies would suffer since some channels on both services would have to be eliminated due to duplication. I fear the Sirius executives would want to keep as many of "their" channels as possible and from what I've heard of their programming, it is well below the quality level of XM. To truly promote competition in the marketplace, the consumers need as many outlets for radio as possible. Sirius and XM have made some questionable operating decisions in the last few years and now claim they have to have this merger to survive. As a longtime subscriber to XM, it's not my fault as a consumer that their poor decisions would leave me with inferior Sirius programming on my XM radio; something I would avoid if at all possible. Even one Sirius channel invading the XM airwaves would be too many.

Sincerely,



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